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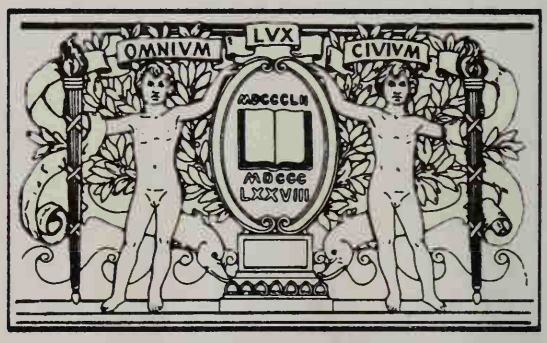

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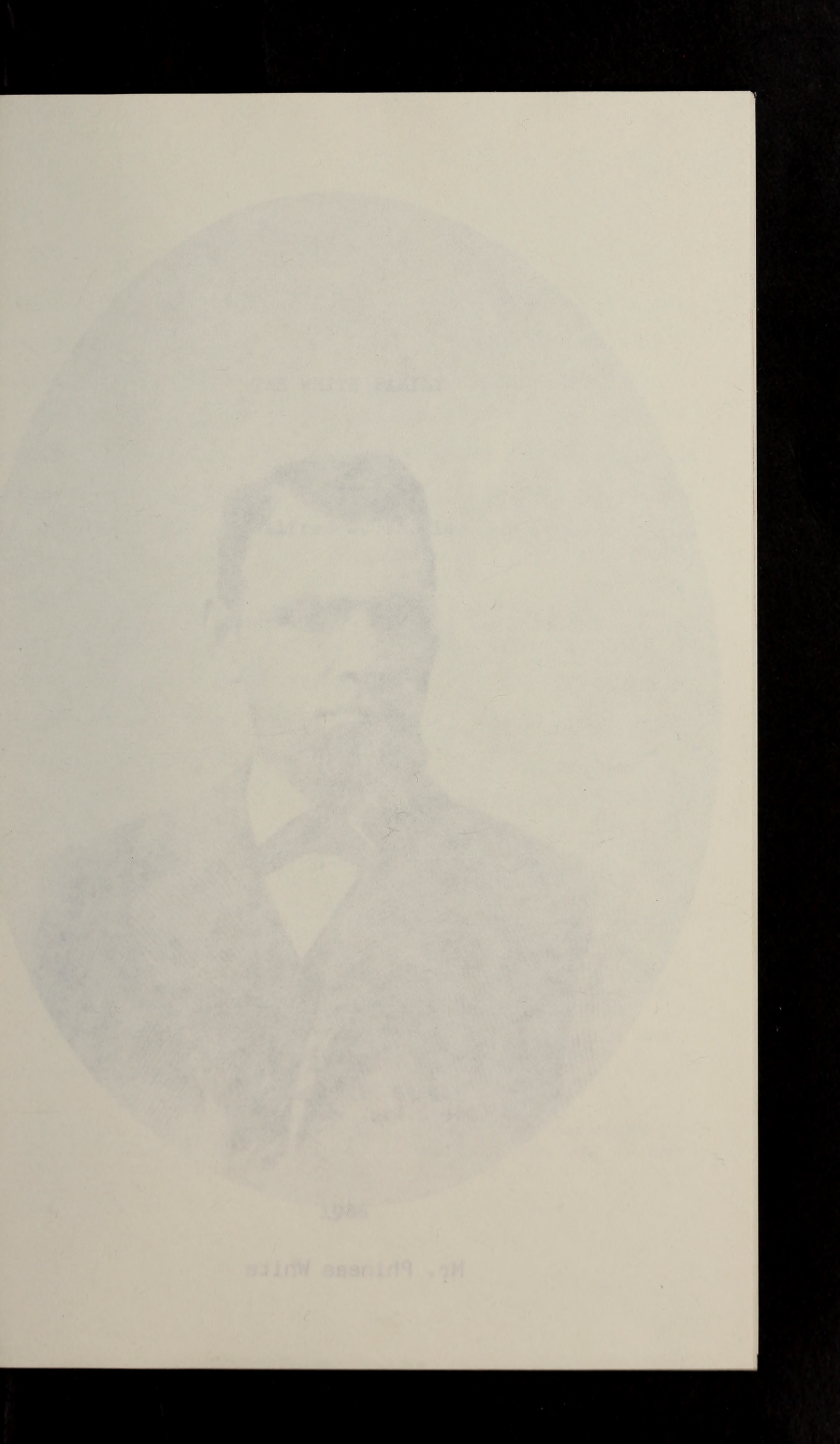

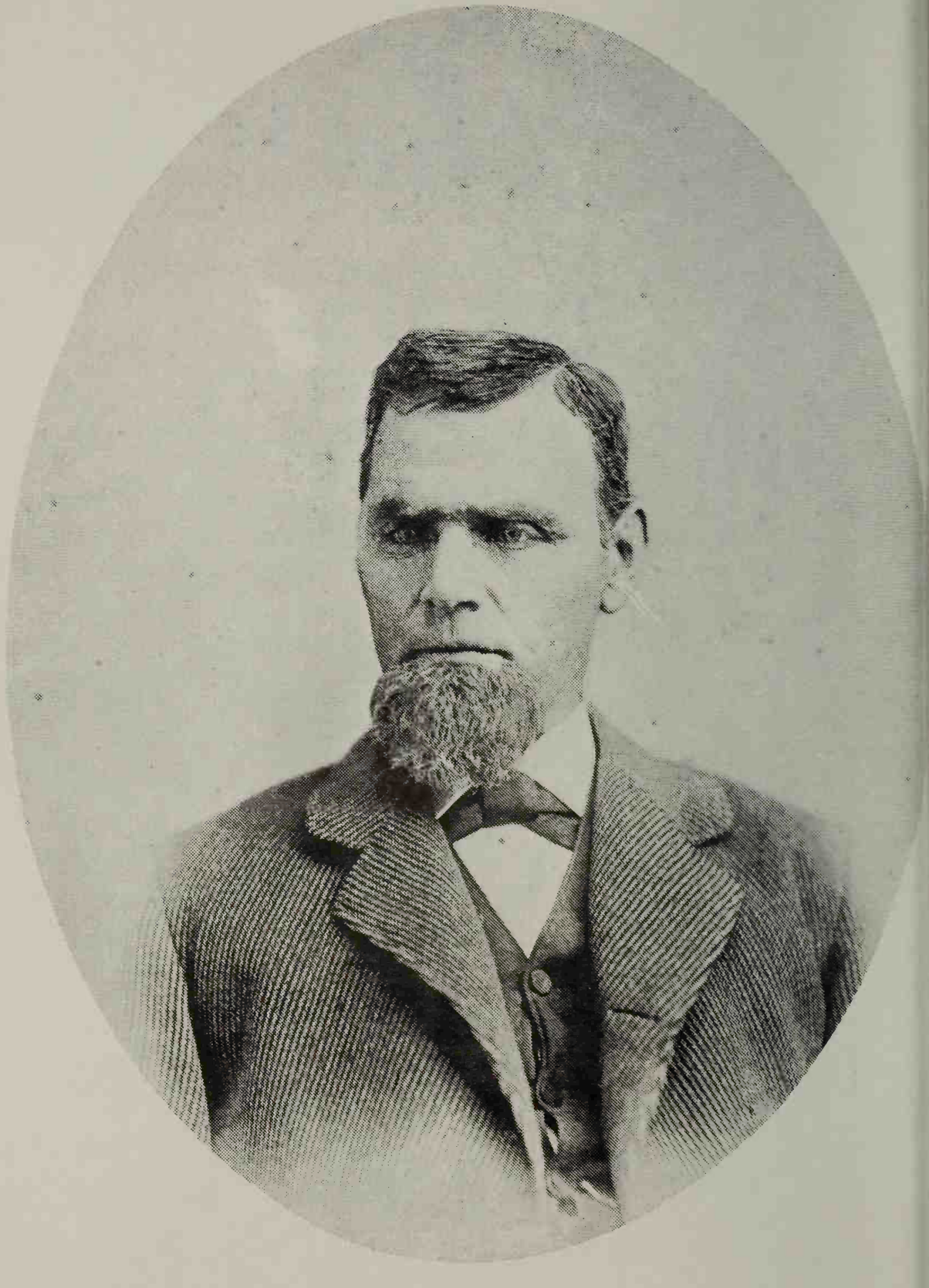

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Except for the difference in names and a variance of a few years in dates this could be the story of any of thousands of families who migrated across New England to settle in Western New York in the early nineteenth century. By 1635 new communities were being established along the coast of Massachusetts and settlement westward had begun. Whole groups from an established town would move westward to a new site and a new community would be set up.

In 1635 Hingham, Massachusetts was settled by a group of some thirty families who had come from "Old Hingham" in England.[1] Weymouth was also established the same year.[2] In 1762 Chesterfield, Massachusetts was established, being incorporated from the New Plantation called "New Hingham."[3]

By 1800 those who had settled in western Massachusetts were feeling the push and the search for new places to settle filled the minds of adventuresome people. By the 1830's western New York was no longer the frontier and again the movement westward occurred much in the same manner as the previous ones had. With ensuing generations the process has repeated itself until the whole of the United States has become settled. Again and again, as one reads through the genealogies of the early New England settlers

1. "HISTORICAL DATA RELATING TO COUNTRIES, CITIES, AND TOWNS IN MASSACHUSETTS" prepared by Kevin H. White, secretary of the commonwealth 1966, p.35.
2. Ibid., p.72
3. Ibid., p.21

this story repeats itself so that the story of one is the story of all -- except for the different names and the varying dates of personal events.

Wessaguscus became Weymouth, Massachusetts in 1635.[4] It is here we find the first reference to Thomas White. He was born in England about 1599 as in 1659 he called himself "Aged about sixty." He was made a freeman of the Massachusetts Bay Colony 3 March, 1635/6 and was a deputy in 1636, 1637, 1657 and 1670. His will was made on the fifth of July and probated 28 August, 1679. Thus his death occurred between these dates. There is no mention of a wife. His children living at the date of his will and probably all born in Weymouth are the following.[5]

I.	JOSEPH		m. Lydia Rogers
II.	HANNAH		m. Capt. John Baxter
III.	SAMUEL	born 1642	m. Mary Dyer
IV.	THOMAS		m. Mary Pratt
V.	++EBENEZER	born 1648	m. Hannah Phillips

Lieutenant Ebenezer White, born 1648 Weymouth, Massachusetts died there 24 July/August 1703 in his 55th year. He married before 2 June, 1671, HANNAH PHILLIPS daughter of Nicholas and Elizabeth (Jewson) Phillips. She was born in Weymouth about 1637 but no record of her death has been found. Her father Nicholas Phillips was born in 1611 in Wendover Bucks, England and was of Dedham, Massachusetts in 1636. Ebenezer and Hannah

4. Ibid., p.72
5. "THE VINTON MEMORIAL" a Genealogy of the Descendants of John Vinton of Lynn, 1648" by John Adams Vinton; published for the author by S. K. Whipple & Co. 161 Washington Street, Boston, Massachusetts 1858, p.366.

had the following children, born in Weymouth, Massachusetts.[6]

I. EBENEZER born 1672; graduated at Harvard 1692; became a minister at Bridge Hampton L.I.
II. THOMAS
III. HANNAH born 5 May, 1681 m. John Alden
IV. ABIGAIL born 3 March, 1682
V. BENJAMIN born 21 Feb., 1684
VI. EXPERIENCE born 1 July, 1687
VII. ELIZABETH born 9 Nov., 1688
VIII. +SAMUEL
IX. JOSEPH

Samuel White, son of Ebenezer was born in 1676. He was a shoemaker and lived in South Weymouth, was chosen Deacon of the Church 17 Feb., 1726, and died intestate 18 Aug., 1760, aged 84 years. His wife was ANNA PRATT daughter of Matthew and Sarah (Hunt) Pratt. She was born in Weymouth 14 Sept., 1682 and died 14 Sept., 1757 aged 75 years. To them were born nine children.[7]

I. EBENEZER born 22 Feb., 1700, died 1 July, 1702
II. ELISHA born 16 June, 1701, died 1 July, 1702
III. MATTHEW born 17 Apr., 1704 m. Martha Vinton
IV. SAMUEL born 4 May, 1706 went to Ashford Ct.
V. ELISHA m. Silence Whitman
VI. JEREMIAH born 7 March, 1712
m. (1) Hannah Canterbury
(2) widow Esther Kingman
VII. ANNA born 16 Jan., 1715 m. David Garnett
VIII. NEHEMIAH m. Ruth King
IX. +EZEKIEL born 1 Jan., 1722/3 m. Abigail Blanchard

Ezekiel White, son of Samuel White was born 1 Jan. 1722/3 at Weymouth, Massachusetts. From there he moved to Chesterfield, Massachusetts and then to Goshen, Massachusetts where he died in 1800. On 18 March, 1743 he married Abigail Blanchard, daughter of Thomas and Sarah (Vinton) Blanchard. Their children were

6. Ibid., pp. 369, 370
7. "THE VINTON MEMORIAL" pp. 373, 374

probably all born in Weymouth, Massachusetts.[8]

I.	ABIGAIL b. 21 Jan., 1744	m. David Turner
II.	EZEKIEL b. 8 June, 1748	m. Sarah Vinton
III.	CHLOE	m. Job Truphant
IV.	MARY b. 28 March, 1750	m. Samuel Peck
V.	SILENCE b. 1 Aug., 1751	m. John Shaw
VI.	DAVID b. 25 Feb,, 1753	m. Martha Coale
VII.	NEHEMIAH b. 19 Oct., 1754	m. Mary Ripley
VIII.	+NOAH b. 22 Oct., 1756	m. Tamar Bates
IX.	SARAH b. 25 Feb., 1759	m. Asa French
X.	EBENEZER b. 1 Apr., 1761	m. Calista Partridge
XI.	OLIVE	m. Jacob French
XII.	JOSIAH	Had no children

NOAH WHITE was born 22 October 1756 at Chesterfield, Massachusetts. Although no one has entered the D. A. R. using him for an ancestor, he did have service in the Revolution as he enlisted at Weymouth, Massachusetts. He died 10 February, 1814. He married (Intention published 8 Sept., 1783 at Chesterfield, Massachusetts) TAMAR BATES who survived him. They were the parents of ten children born at Chesterfield, Massachusetts.[9, 10]

I.	HANNAH b. 26 Nov., 1784	m. (1) Joshua Knight m. (2) Enoch Wood of Stafford, NY
II.	SILAS b. 11 Aug., 1786	d. 5 Sept., 1808
III.	+PHINEAS b. 9 May, 1788	m. (1) Polly Beswick (2) Phebe P.
IV.	ENOS b. 5 March, 1790	died at LeRoy, NY
V.	PERSIS b. 19 July, 1792	m. John Weaver died at Arkwright, NY
VI.	ELCY b. 30 July, 1794	m. Field Beswick
VII.	+JOEL b. 1 Sept., 1796	m. Sally Vinton
VIII.	ASHBACK b. 3 Aug., 1799	m. Lathrop Vinton
IX.	BENJAMIN b. 8 June, 1801;	of NY, Ohio and Iowa
X.	TRIFENA b. 2 May, 1804	died young

8. "VINTON MEMORIAL" p.374; "Ancestral and Chronological History of the William White Family" Concord, Mass., 1895, pp.284, 285; "History and Genealogy of the Families of Chesterfield, Mass." 1762-1962; p.404
9. "ANCESTRAL AND CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THE WILLIAM WHITE FAMILY" p.287
10. "HISTORY AND GENEALOGY OF THE FAMILIES OF CHESTERFIELD" p.405

JOSHUA KNIGHT was born in Massachusetts and came to Bergen, New York, in 1815; he married HANNAH WHITE daughter of Noah and Tamar (Bates) White born 26 November 1784 at Chesterfield, Massachusetts. Their children were: Ephraim, Benjamin, Alpheus, Electa, and Silas W., born 6 May, 1821, at Chesterfield, Massachusetts. He married Lucy Ann Hullett.[11]

PHINEAS WHITE born 9 May, 1788 Chesterfield, Massachusetts, came to Stafford, New York, in 1810. He died 7 January, 1860 and is buried in the Stafford Cemetery. He married (1) in 1810 POLLY BESWICK daughter of Charles and Mary (Vinton) Beswick[12] born about 1792 and died 4 August, 1835 aged 44 years. She is in Morganville Cemetery. Phineas White married (2) PHEBE P. who died 8 December, 1890 and is buried in Stafford Cemetery.[13] Phineas White had nine children by his first wife and one by his second wife.

I.	+SALINA	m. Betsey
II.	LAURA	m. James Patterson
III.	SILAS	went to Illinois
IV.	ELMA (Elmira)	m. Thaxter Waterman
V.	LOVISA	m. Frederick Berney
VI.	+MARY A. b. 1826	m. Thazter Waterman
VII.	ORRIN	died in Iowa
VIII.	JANE	m. Allen Watson
IX.	+Phineas B. b.20 July 1828	m. (1) Elma S. Waterman (2) Laura L. Horning
X.	WILLIAM HENRY	died 16 Feb., 1845 aged 1 year buried at Stafford, New York

SALINA WHITE died 10 Aug., 1881 and is buried in Stafford Cemetery. His wife was named BETSEY and was born in 1825. Her

11. "GENESEE COUNTY PEOPLE MANUSCRIPT"
12. "THE VINTON MEMORIAL" p.88. Mrs. Robert Pearse Norwall, Mass.
13. "GENESEE COUNTY PEOPLE MANUSCRIPT"

death occurred in 1915 and she is buried in Stafford Cemetery.[14] They had two daughters.

I. JENNIE E. died 31 Aug., 1859 aged 1 year buried Stafford, NY
II. EMMA D. m. William Heal

PHINEAS BATES WHITE was born 20 July, 1828 Stafford, NY and died there 16 June, 1891. He married first in 1850 HARRIET N. GRAVES of Adams Basin. She died in 1853. He married second, 24 Apr., 1855 at Stafford, ELMA SOPHIA WATERMAN daughter of Anthony and Sophia (Bannister) Waterman born 21 Jan., 1835 at Stafford, and died there 9 July, 1866. Phineas White married third, Mrs. LAURA ANN (Laurence) HORNING widow of Eli Horning and daughter of Richard and Betsey (Barker) Laurence of Alabama, New York. There were five children, all by the second wife, born in Stafford.[15, 16]

I. MERTON b. 1856, d. 20 May, 1870 Alabama Center
II. +ARTHUR P. b. 22 June, 1858 m. (1) Lottie Hoffcut (2) Hattie McPherson
III. HARRIET b. 1861, d. 13 July, 1862 Stafford
IV. +ANNA S. b. 22 May, 1863 m. Claudius Hubert Selden
V. EDNA died 1 Apr., 1878 aged 2 years Buried in Randall Cemetery.*

ARTHUR PRESTON WHITE born 22 June, 1858 Stafford, New York, died 22 October, 1900 at Alabama Center. He married first in 1889, LOTTIE HOFFCUT. He married second HATTIE MC PHERSON

14. "GENESEE COUNTY PEOPLE MANUSCRIPT"
15. "THE WATERMAN FAMILY" Vol. 1. Descendants of Robert Waterman of Marshfield, Mass." by Donald Lines Jacobus 1939. Edgar F. Waterman, P. O. Box 3032 Westville Station, New Haven, Ct.
16. "GENESEE COUNTY PEOPLE MANUSCRIPT"

*Edna was child of the third wife.

daughter of Alexander and Charity (McPherson) McPherson. There was one child by the first wife.[17]

I. HOMER P. b. May, 1890 Indian Falls, New York

JOEL WHITE, son of Noah and Tamar (Bates) White was born 1 Sept., 1796 Chesterfield, Massachusetts. He came to LeRoy, New York about 1817. After staying in LeRoy only eight years, he moved to Arkwright, New York in 1825. On the 22 of Feb., 1816 he married SARAH VINTON daughter of Abiathar and Sarah (Paine) Vinton who was bown 31 March 1800 in Goshen, Massachusetts. They were the parents of twelve children, the first four born in LeRoy and rest at Arkwright, New York.[18, 19]

I. +ELLIOT V. b. 1 June, 1817
m. (1) Laura Waller
(2) Lucy A. Crawford
(3) Elizabeth Ely
II. CLIMENA b. in March, 1818; died at age 8 years
III. NOAH b. 6 June, 1821/22; died in 1837
IV. +LEAFY b. 24 Apr., 1823 m. (1) Alfred A. Thompson
(2) Orton J. Richards
V. HOLTON J. b. 11 Dec., 1825 m. Adaline J. Scott
VI. CLARISSA b. 27 Feb., 1828 m. Henry Martin
VII. ACHSAH b. 6 June, 1830 m. Riley Ewings
VIII. ADDISON b. 9 July, 1832 (twin) m. Caroline Black
IX. ADALINE b. 9 July, 1832 (twin) died 1848
X. LOUISA b. 28 Apr., 1836
XI. LEANDER b. 5 Sept., 1838
XII. VIOLA b. 20 Oct., 1841 m. William A. Scott

ELLIOT VINTON WHITE born 1 June, 1817 at LeRoy, New York, lived in Arkwright, New York. On 18 March, 1841 he was married to his first wife, LAURA WALLER. She died 22 January, 1843 and

17. Ibid., p. 15, 16
18. "VINTON MEMORIAL" p.161
19. "ANCESTRAL AND CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THE WILLIAM WHITE FAMILY" pp. 289, 290

he married second, on 8 October, 1843, LUCY A. CRAWFORD. His second wife died 8 March, 1845. He had a third wife ELIZABETH ELY whom he married 22 February, 1847. Mr. White had six children, one by the first wife, one by the second, and four by the last.[20]

I. LAURA b. 21 Jan., 1843 m. Charles H. Webster
II. LUCY A. b. 1 March, 1845 died 28 March, 1845 Arkwright, New York
III. LUCY E. b. 16 Dec., 1847 m. William Lyon Wood
IV. CELIA A. b. 15 Aug., 1851 m. Arthur A. Loucks
V. CHARLES E. b. 12 May, 1854 died 1 Feb., 1892 unmarried
VI. HERBERT C. b. 19 July, 1860 m. Mary A. Rondy

The White Family is typical of the early settlers in this area. Then, as now, people were always looking for the greener pastures beyond the next hill. And so it is even today our children leave this area to find jobs in their specialized fields of training. How many LeRoyans now living are direct male descendants from early settlers? I suspect many can show descent through daughters and granddaughters of the rugged people who came into this area from 1797 until about 1830. There are probably no descendants of Joel White here now, but of the descendants of his brother Phineas there are many.

20. Ibid., 19

Abbreviations used in this article are:

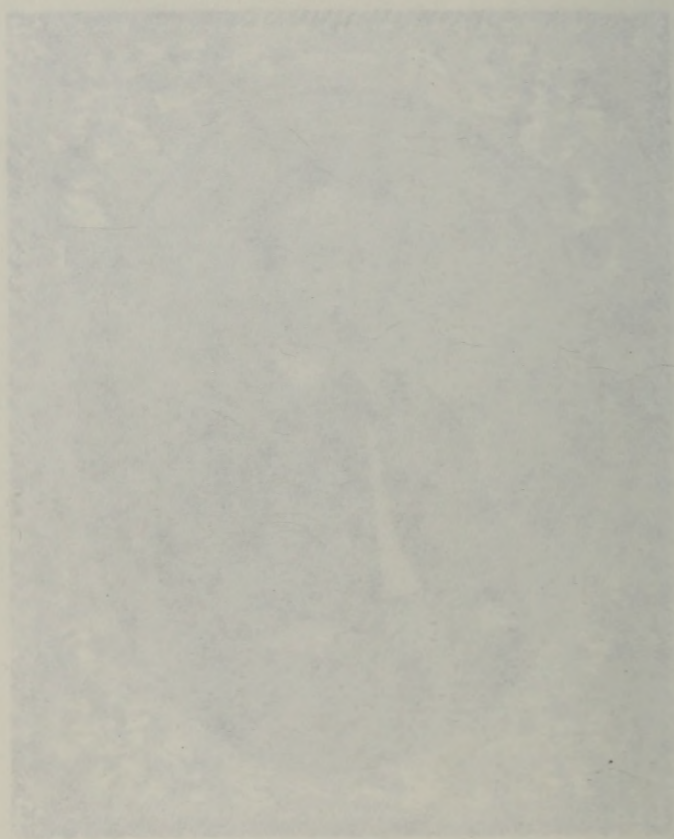
b. born
d. died
m. married
+, means this person is carried foreward

Although there is indication that daughters are carried foreward, there was not room to include them here.

This author welcomes any additions or corrections to the above article. Further information will be gladly furnished upon request concerning the daughters that are indicated as carried on. Also there is information available on the ancestry of many of the wives in this article.

Arthur P. White

Merton White



Mrs. Phineas Bates White with daughter
Anna or Harriet?

Mrs. Phineas Bates White with daughter
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